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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINSHASA 7770 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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QUOTE S E C R E T KINSHASA 7770

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, PGOV, PINS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR US OF NGUZA/MWANT YAV ARRESTS

REF: KINSHASA 7675

1. ALTHOUGH AS REPORTED REFTTEL THERE IS NO INDICATION YET
THAT MOBUTU'S POST-SHABA PURGE WILL ENTAIL CHARGES OF FOREIGN
INVOLVEMENT, WE SHOULD REMAIN ALERT TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT
LUBUMBASHI CONSUL PARKER BORG'S CASE MAY YET BE REOPENED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ARREST AND PROBABLE TRIAL OF THE MWANT YAV.
DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT IT WAS NGUZA, NOW HIMSELF CHARGED
WITH TREASON, WHO AT OUR REQUEST INTERVENED WITH MOBUTU ON BEHALF

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OF BORG. WHILE NGUZA GAVE US FIRM ASSURANCES THAT MOBUTU HAD
AGREED TO DROP BORG'S CASE, IT WAS EVIDENT AT THE TIME THAT THE
CND, WHICH HAD PREPARED THE DOSSIER AGAINST BORG AND REQUESTED
HIS WITHDRAWAL IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT, WAS NOT AT ALL
HAPPY ABOUT NGUZA'S INTERVENTION. MOREOVER, WHEN ON NGUZA'S
ADVICE I MENTIONED THE RESOLUTION OF BORG'S CASE TO MOBUTU
DURING OUR MEETING OF JUNE 25, I WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED BY MOBUTU'S

FAILURE TO CONFIRM EXPLICITLY HIS DECISION TO DROP THE MATTER
(CUTLER-BUCHANAN LETTER JUNE 29).

2. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT OF THE CND'S
DOSSIER ON BORG IS HIS CONTACTS WITH THE MWANT YAV. IT IS
THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT BORG'S CASE MAY YET COME UP AGAIN --
EITHER PRIVATELY AS BEFORE OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE MWANT
YAV'S TRIAL. THIS WILL DEPEND ON THE KIND OF POSTURE MOBUTU
WANTS TO ADOPT TOWARD THE US. WHILE LOGIC WOULD DICTATE THAT
HE NOT LET THIS SPILL OVER IN OUR DIRECTION, LOGIC IS UNFORTUNATELY
NOT ALWAYS AMONG THE RULES OF HIS GAME.

3. I AM KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS MATTER WITH BORG,
WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO LUBUMBASHI FROM LEAVE AND HAS NOT
REPORTED ANY EVIDENCE TO DATE THAT WOULD INDICATE A REVIVAL OF
CND INTEREST IN HIS CASE. I AM ADVISING HIM TO CONTINUE
BUSINESS AS USUAL BUT TO MAINTAIN THE GENERALLY LOWER PROFILE
ASSUMED BY THE CONSULATE SINCE THIS PROBLEM FIRST AROSE.
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